from State Governments/UT administrations regarding villages adversely affected by starvation. Similarly there has been no report of starvation death from any State Governments/UT administrations.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No survey has been made recently in this regard.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Consumer awareness in Andhra Pradesh

3841. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts the Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh have made to make the people of the State aware of their consumer rights;

(b) whether voluntary consumer organizations are also being involved in the State to spread consumer awareness; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Continuous efforts are being made by the Central Government as well as Government of Andhra Pradesh to make people aware of their rights as consumers. Programmes have been undertaken through audio, video and print media by the Central Government to spread consumer awareness in all parts of the country including Andhra Pradesh. On the occasion of World Consumer Rights Day on 15th March, the Andhra Pradesh State Government organize consumer awareness programmes at district level. The State Government have also instituted district level awards for active consumer organizations.

(b) and (c) Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government from the Consumer Welfare Fund to eligible voluntary consumer organizations to undertake activities for promoting consumer awareness and welfare. An amount of Rs. 39,56,475/- has

already been provided as grants to 80 eligible voluntary consumer organizations of Andhra Pradesh from the Consumer Welfare Fund.

Programmes for BPL Families

3842. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have started a number of food supply programmes for BPL families with the aim of making India hunger free:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quotas allocated under each programme to each State and their priec per quintal;

(d) whether the quota is being utilized fully; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to make the States avail the full quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (e) The Central Government is allocating foodgrains to States/UTs for BPL families at subsidized prices. The current Central Issue Prices (CIP) applicable for BPL families arc as under:—

Rs. per quintal

	CIP for BPL families
Wheat	415.00
Rice	565.00